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The Honorable George P. Shultz
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

25X1 At our meeting earlier this week, you expressed considerable interest in the implications for Soviet policy and behavior of a new generation of leaders coming to power. You expressed interest in whatever work we might have done on that subject.

25X1 The [redacted] notebook contains the more significant assessments we have done on this subject within the past 9-12 months. I draw your attention particularly to the major assessments on Gorbachev and Shevardnadze, Soviet Cadre Changes and Personnel Policies since Brezhnev's Death, Potential Politburo and Secretariat Members [redacted]

We also have several major items in preparation on this subject including: Generational Change in the Soviet Elite and The New Soviet Economic Team. [redacted]

I think we have done a great deal on the implications of generational change and hope you find it useful. And, we would like very much to take you up on your offer to be debriefed after the meetings with Shevardnadze later this month. [redacted]

Sincerely,

Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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